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SUBJECT: TRIPOLI WATCH: COMINGS AND GOINGS, MAY 21-31, 1978

I. ARRIVALS --

1. CUBA. CUBAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MARCELO FERNANDEZ
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FONT ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 27 ON A THREE DAY VISIT
AIMED AT BOLSTERING TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. FERNANDEZ MET WITH LIBYAN NUMBER TWO
JALUD AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE UBAYDI
IN ADDITION TO TRADE AND ECONOMICS OFFICIALS.

2. CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR EKONDY

ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 29 AND WAS RECEIVED BY JALUD THE FOLLOWING DAY. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN TRIPOLI SUGGEST LIBYA WILLING TO CONSIDER EXTENDING AID TO THE CONGO IN EXCHANGE FOR OPANGO'S SUPPORT FOR LIBYA'S EFFORTS TO SIDETRACK FRANCO-AFRICAN PLANS TO CREATE A MUTUAL ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION FORCE.

3. ITALY. WHAT WAS HAILED AS A "POPULAR" DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. DORA SIROCCO OF MESSINA UNIVERSITY ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI MAY 27 AS GUESTS OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. PROPAGANDA VISITS SUCH AS THIS ONE FREQUENTLY ORGANIZED BY THE BUREAU.

4. LEBANON/UN. MAJ GEN ODD BULL, CHIEF UN OBSERVER AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UN FORCES IN LEBANON, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 28.

5. LEBANON. WALID JUNBLATT, IN HIS CAPACITY AS LEADER OF THE LEBANESE SOCIALIST PROGRESSIVE PARTY, VISITED TRIPOLI MAY 23-25 AT THE HEAD OF A DELEGATION OF THE LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT. JUNBLATT, WHO ENJOYS STRONG LIBYAN SUPPORT, WAS RECEIVED BY MAJOR LIBYAN LEADERS INCLUDING QADHAFI, JALUD AND FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI. A LONG COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED AT VISIT'S CONCLUSION WHICH CONDEMNED THE SADAT INITIATIVE AND CALLED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN THE PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENTS.

6. MALTA. LABOR MINISTER MRS. AGATHA BARBARE WAS THE LATEST MALTESE OFFICIAL TO VISIT LIBYA MAY 24-28. DURING HER VISIT, SHE MET WITH THE HEAD OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE (PRIME MINISTER) UBAYDI AND WITH LABOR AND ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WHICH DEALS WITH MALTESE WORKERS IN LIBYA.

7. RWANDA. RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA VISITED TRIPOLI MAY 28-31 AND MET WITH KEY LIBYAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING QADHAFI. FOREIGN AID AND "BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS" WERE THE MAIN TOPICS OF CONVERSATION WITH QADHAFI EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT TO CONDEMN FRANCO-AFRICAN PLANS TO ESTABLISH A MUTUAL AID INTERVENTION FORCE.

8. SPAIN. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA VISITED TRIPOLI MAY 27-28 TO DISCUSS THE CANARY ISLAND ISSUE WITH QADHAFI AND OTHER OFFICIALS. (TRIPOLI 0774).

9. UPPER VOLTA. ABDULLAH KONNATI (PHONETIC), IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL MEDIA AS PERSONAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, VISITED TRIPOLI MAY 22-25 WHERE HE MET WITH FORSEC TURAYKI. ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE VISIT UNAVAILABLE.

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II. DEPARTURES.

10. ALGERIA. COLONEL QADHAFI LEFT ON AN UNEXPECTED TRIP TO ALGERIA MAY 30. FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS ITINERARY THUS FAR UNKNOWN. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL SECRETARIAT MEMBER KHUWAYLIDI AL-HUMAYDI, FORSEC TURAYKI, AND THE INDUSTRY SECRETARY JADALLAH AZUZ AL-TALHI WHO HAS

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RECENTLY BEEN ACTING IN THE CAPACITY OF LIAISON
SECRETARY AS WELL. (TRIPOLI 0772).

11. BELGIUM/FRANCE. AHMAD SHAHATI, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN
LIAISON BUREAU, TRAVELED TO BRUSSELS AFTER THE MADAGASCAR
CONFERENCE OF "PROGRESSIVE" PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN
WHAT LOCAL MEDIA DESCRIBE AS A LOUVAIN UNIVERSITY FORUM
ON QADHAFI'S "GREEN BOOK". SHAHATI ALSO MET WITH SOME
BELGIAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE SEC-GEN OF THE BELGIAN
COMMUNIST PARTY MAY 26. WHILE EN ROUTE TO BELGIUM,
SHAHATI STOPPED OFF BRIEFLY IN PARIS WHERE HE MET ON
MAY 24 WITH CP POLITIBURO MEMBER JEAN KANAPA (PHONETIC)
WHOM THE LOCAL MEDIA DESCRIBE AS IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN
POLITICAL AFFAIRS. A SECOND LIBYAN DELEGATION -- THIS
ONE FROM THE EDUCATION SECRETARIAT -- BEGAN A VISIT TO
BELGIUM MAY 28.

12. BENGALADESH/BURMA. AHMAD FAWZI, LIBYAN AMBASSADOR
TO SAUDI ARABIA, DEPARTED TRIPOLI MAY 29 AT THE HEAD OF
A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO
INVESTIGATE THE CONDITIONS OF MOSLEM REFUGEES IN
BENGALADESH WHO WERE REPORTEDLY EXPULSED RECENTLY FROM
BURMA.

13. CYPRUS. LOCAL MEDIA REPORT LIBYA SENT A DELEGATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE 14TH "ACHILLES" CONFERENCE HELD IN CYPRUS.
DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH MEDIA STATE
CONFERENCE BROUGHT TOGETHER MEMBERS OF 33 SOCIALIST
PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

14. SUDAN. A LIBYAN DELEGATION UNDER AGRICULTURE
SECRETARY MUHAMMAD ALI TABU DEPARTED TRIPOLI MAY 23
TO ATTEND MAY 25 ANNIVERSARY OF NUMAYRI'S ACCESSION
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TO POWER. DELEGATION INCLUDED MABRUK AL-UJALI, THE
TREASURY UNDER-SECRETARY, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
THE SECRETARIATS OF TRADE, AGRICULTURE, AND THE FOREIGN
LIBYAN ARAB BANK.

III. CONFERENCES. --

15. BENGHAZI'S GAR YUNIS UNIVERSITY (LIBYA'S LARGEST)
SPONSORED A CONFERENCE MAY 27-30 ON ESTABLISHING A UNION
OF INFORMATION COLLEGES AND TRAINING CENTERS IN THE

ARAB WORLD. CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY DELEGATES
REPRESENTING 34 SUCH INSTITUTES IN THE AREA. CONFEREES
ELECTED DR. BEL-QASIM AL-'AZABI, THE HEAD OF THE
POPULAR COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS, AS CHAIRMAN,
AND ON MAY 29, THE DELEGATES VOTED TO MAKE GAR YUNIS
UNIVERSITY THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE
ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION TEACHING AND TRAINING
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